Obituaries

Mrs. Julia Morgan Ferguson

Mrs. Julia Morgan Ferguson, Route 3, Box 120, Appomattox County, departed this life Saturday evening, July 14, 1984, at the Medical Care Center.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late Rev. John H. Morgan and Mrs. Elva Johnson Morgan. Her husband was the late George Ferguson. She was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Appomattox.

She is survived by three sons, Elmer A. Ferguson of Flushing, N.Y., Lemuel Samuel Ferguson of Detroit, Mich., and John S. Ferguson of New York; three daughters, Mrs. Elva Johnson and Mrs. Daisy Jones, both of Appomattox, and Mrs. Sarah Smith of New York; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Geneva Ferguson and Mrs. Dora Morgan, both of Appomattox; 25 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Canaan Baptist Church, Vera, Appomattox County, The Rev. Curtis L. Elliott officiating. Interment will be in the Ferguson family cemetery.

Community Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James H. Mayberry - James Hurt Mayberry, 84, of Route 1, Appomattox, died Tuesday evening July 10, 1984, at the residence of William C. Mayberry, where he made his home.

He was born in Appomattox county, a son of the late Rouse Mayberry and Darkus Jane Hundley Mayberry. He was a retired farmer and a member of Spout Spring Baptist Church.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Janie Mayberry, Spout Spring.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Friday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. George Kreidel. Burial was in Spout Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lyle B. Thomas

Lyle Bernard Thomas, 83, of Route 2, Concord, died at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, 1984, at his residence. His wife was the late Helen Drinkard Thomas.

He was born in Appomattox County June 29, 1901, a son of the late Charlie William Thomas, and Roxanna Holt Thomas. He was a retired farmer and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and the Concord Ruritan Club.

He is survived by a son, Ray Bernard Thomas, Concord; four daughters, Mrs. Vincent (Faye) Russell, Richmond, Mrs. Kelley (Anna) Stratton and Mrs. Calvin (Stella) Tanner, both of Concord, and Mrs. Richard (Charlene) Raddin, Greenville, S.C.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank M. Thomas, Concord, and Clyde M. Thomas, South Carolina; and a sister, Mrs. Mary T. Cardwell, Rustburg.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. David B. Camden. Burial was in Concord Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Tournament begns for local youth Saturday

The Appomattox County Dixie Youth League Pre-Major All Star baseball team will travel to Buckingham Saturday to compete in the state tournament.

The team, composed of local youths ages 15 and 16, is coached by Bobby Chenault and Bobby Wingfield.

Team members include Brad Mann, R. W. Jamerson, Robert Chenault, Ricky Dickerson, Jeff Motley, Kenny Richardson, Alex Almond, Tim Turner, Russell Walton, Andre McCoy, Jeff Carwile, Ron Scruggs, and Barry Phelps.

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designed to benefit the whole family. Homemakers and children would join the farmers in the organizations, and programs would involve topics such as gardening and running water for homes.

The conditions under which extension agents worked in those days were nothing like today. "There were no highways in the county that a car could travel on during the winter months in 1912," according to records by Charles City County Agent, R.E.F. Washington. Churches and schools were unimproved, and farmers owned no purebred and very few high grade hogs. Poultry flocks were mostly of mixed breeds. Very few farmers grew corn of a known variety and all fertilizer was bought by name and not by analysis.

It was not easy work for Pierce, or for the agents, who had to support the program dividing the limited resources across a wide area.

Pierce continued to live on the campus of Hampton Institute where he and his wife reared seven children, John B., Ralph L., Thomas H., Beatrice P. Jeffries, Charles I., William M. and Harriet P. James.

Pierce died in 1942 before he retired, after seeing extension develop as a philosophy and a program that helped farmers and farm families to live on the farm and enjoy a better way of life.

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The hand of God

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

THE HAND OF GOD IN HUMAN HISTORY

Lesson for July 22, 1984

Bible Study Passage II Kings 10:18-19, 24-31

INTRODUCTION

One of the most difficult tasks for the Christian is discerning the hand of God in human history. Quite often we make God responsible for events which may be contrary to his divine purpose. When tragedy takes the life of someone we may conclude that it was God's will. If the person survives against all medical odds, we then conclude that it was the will of God.

Throughout history God has sometimes been "blamed" for certain atrocities that were the result of human action. Many things have been attributed to the holy name of God. People have often found it convenient to make God responsible for human error or sin.

It was common for people in Old Testament times to conclude that the ruthless deeds of certain nations were a part of God's purpose. We who live in the New Testament era do not necessarily draw the same conclusion. We are more apt to conclude that God allows things to happen which do not necessarily have his divine stamp of approval. There is such a thing as God's permissive will. This week's lesson will focus on this issue in our study of King Jehu.

JEHU'S WAR AGAINST IDOLATRY [II Kings 10:18-28]

Jehu was annointed king by the prophet Elisha's helper. As king over Israel, Jehu would provide leadership to fight against the idolatry of the Israelite people. He initiated early plans to rid Israel of its evil leaders. Jehu's bloodbath cleansed the nation of those who lead the people of God to worship idols.

After destroying the evil ones in royal places, Jehu went to work on destroying the priests and prophets of Baal. He did this by pretending to be an ardent worshipper of Baal. He invited those who idolized Baal to a sacrifice at which they would die.

Verse 28 states that "Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel." We may applaud Jehu for ridding Israel of the Baal idols, but we may question his techniques. Brutal murder does not appear to be a Christian option to deal with who believe differently from us.

A man wrote to the editor of a religious paper and stated: "I believe we should cut out the liberal element from our denomination." Would this person endorse murder of exile as a means of doing away with those whose beliefs are different?

It may be argued that in certain circumstances that serve measures are required to put a stop to forces which, if allowed to continue, would lead to greater tragedy. Christians must always monitor their intentions and actions.

JEHU's STARS AND FLAWS [II Kings 10:29-31]

We may wish to "shower" Jehu with gold stars for his actions against the Baal idols. As you study Jehu's activities you will discover that he had his flaws. The scripture states that he later departed from the laws of Yahweh to engage in his own idol worship.

One must raise the question as to whether Jehu enjoyed killing those who were against God. We must also ask whether God endorses the ruthless acts of those derive personal satisfaction from evil done in his name.

Following Christ is sometimes a struggle, for he requires that we seek his will in all that we do. We must be careful that our personal wills or overzealous actions do not run counter to his will.

Ponder the following questions:

*Do you believe God still has a hand in human history?

*Do you believe Jehu practiced excessive means to rid Israel of its idol worshippers?

*How else could Jehu have handled the problem of idols and idol worship?

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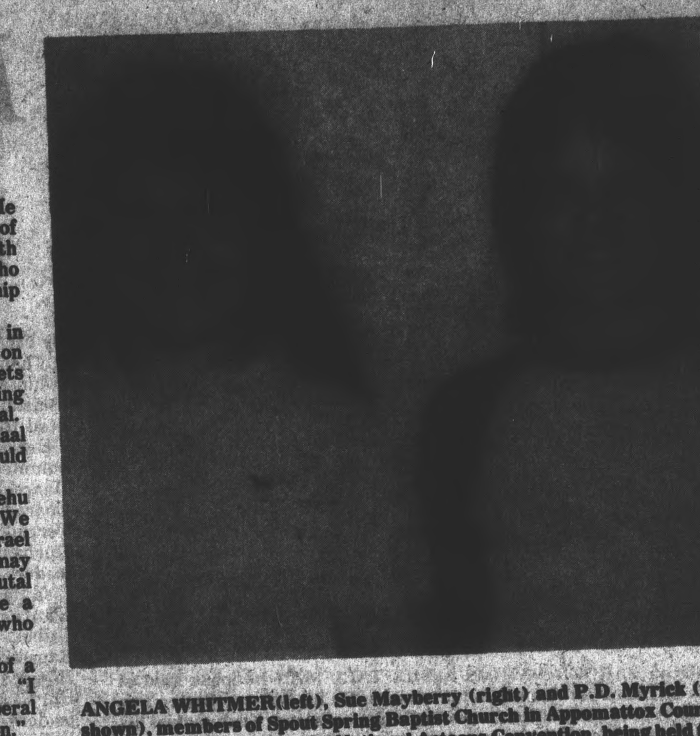

ANGELA WHITMER(left), Sue Mayberry (right) and P.D. Myrick (not shown), members of Spout Spring Baptist Church in Appomattox County, left Monday morning for the National Acteens Convention, being held this year in Fort Worth, Texas. The conventions are held somewhere in the nation every four years. The three girls from Spout Spring Baptist will return to Appomattox County this Sunday, July 22.

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WORSHIP

Galilee plans homecoming, revival

Praise the Lord. Regular preaching services at Galilee were enjoyed by all present. Pastor Davis delivered an inspiring message. The Youth Department Singers were in Charge of the music.

The Hasadiah Baptist Association will meet at the Triumph Baptist Church beginning July 25 at 9 a.m. All churches are asked to attend.

Homecoming and revival services will begin at Galilee the first Sunday in August. Dr. Charles Franklin of Baltimore, Md. will be our guest speaker Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Prayer services will continue to be held on Wednesdays when there are no revival services being held.

Our Sunday School scholars are reminded to meet at the church on Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. for our trip to Lakeside.

The program originally scheduled for this fourth Sunday has been canceled.

Brother "BOOBIE" Craig of Baltimore, and Mr. James Preston of Washington, D.C. were visiting relatives and friends in Appomattox this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginal Hamlett visited family and friends in Appomattox.

Have a spirit-filled week and never cease to pray. God Loves You!

Mt. Pleasant news notes

Homecoming at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will be held this Sunday, July 22. Pastor Spinner, his choir, and members of his congregation from Bedford will be special guests.

Dinner will be served following the service.

Pastor Napier, the Echoes, and members of the congregation will visit St. Joy Baptist Church in Buckingham on July 29. The Rev. William Watson is pastor at St. Joy.

Pastor Napier and the Sunshine Choir conducted services at the Wayside Mission Church in Lynchburg on July 8.

Vacation Bible School was a great success last week. We thank the parents who transported their children to and from church. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Bernice Bailey for furnishing her truck to pick up children in the community who did not have transportation.

Gathering of youth singers set

Anyone who was a member of the Liberty Youth Singers for any length of time from 1970 until 1981 is asked to contact Mrs. Joyce Vaughan, director.

"There will be a super gathering of all members of the Youth Singers and of those individuals who accompanied the group to Poland in 1974," said Mrs. Vaughan.

The group is asked to meet at Liberty Baptist Church the evening of August 11 at 7:30 for a rehearsal preceded by a meal.

"We will be singing for the afternoon sesquicentennial celebration at Liberty Baptist Church on Sunday, August 12. When you read this notice please call me or the church office," said Mrs. Vaughan.

A letter with more information will be mailed.

Jordan church news notes

Annual homecoming services will be held Sunday at the Jordan Baptist Church. Morning services [illegible] C. L. Elliott in charge.

Afternoon services will be held at 3 p.m. Guests for the afternoon will be the Rev. Johnny Paige and the Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus. Lunch will be served by the Ladies of the Church.

Revival services will begin on Monday night, July 23. Prayer [illegible] 7:30 p.m., and preaching will begin at 8 p.m. Evangelist for the week will be the Rev. William Coleman.

On the first Sunday in August at 7 p.m. the Golden Trumpteers will be in concert here.

Promise Land church news

"Only a lit lamp lights the darkness. May we keep the lamp of our faith aflame for God."

We extend an invitation to you to worship with us at Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday, July 22, at 10 a.m. for Sunday School, and at 11 a.m. for the regular service.

On Sunday, July 22, at 3 p.m. the Heavenly Gospel Singers of Phenix will render music in concert here to help the Usher Board celebrate their anniversary.

Remember the sick and shut-in. Mr. John Legrand is among the sick.

Revival services slated

Revival services began at Spout Spring Baptist Church, the Rev. George Kriedel, pastor, on Sunday evening, July 15 and will continue through July 20.

The Rev. Robert Williams, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, is the guest minister. Services begin at 7:30 each evening and special music is planned for each service.

Elon slates revival

The Rev. Alden Hicks, pastor of Chestnut Hill Baptist Church in Lynchburg, will conduct revival services at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin.

Services will begin with the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, July 22, and continue nightly at 8 p.m. through Thursday, July 26.

The public is invited to attend.

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